

- ☑ Pax Terminal sees family reunion (back page)
- ☑ Eagle Eyes - security starts with the individual who is alert (back page)
- ☑ Clinic offers sick call (back page)

# Tough day in weekend at war



**TIME OF CONTEMPLATION** – Airmen bow their heads in reflection as Westover Chaplain (1<sup>st</sup> Lt.) Kenneth Valardi guides them in Sunday Holy Services in the Passenger Terminal. Members of the 56<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing, Luke AFB, and the North Carolina Air National Guard later departed for Southwest Asia.



**AIR CAMPAIGN** – TSgt. Andy Tynik (left) and TSgt. Timothy Forde, 42<sup>nd</sup> APS, check the Boston Globe headline of a blitz of military and government buildings in Baghdad.



**A MOTHER'S GOODBY** -- Before departing overseas, Lt. Col. Kathleen spends a few hours with her mother, Mrs. Cosmo Franciose, and daughter, Meghan. (See story on back page)

Together with all Americans, Westover experienced the tension of the first weekend at war. The Nation nervously absorbed the good news and the bad news in hourly updates from the battlefield. Sunday will be marked as “a tough day” in Operation Iraqi Freedom when word came of the capture of American soldiers, as well as casualties on land and in the air. The Passenger Terminal, filled with airmen in desert camouflage, was a cross section of America at war. On the flightline, the Patriot Wing’s contribution to the war effort included handling 18 arrivals and 14 departures of Galaxies.

-- photos by MSgt. Tom Allocco



**PENTAGON REPORT** -- Two airmen in the terminal focus on a Pentagon news briefing shortly after the capture of Army POWs.

## Clinic offers sick call

The Westover Air Base Clinic has begun offering basic sick call and 24-hour on-call coverage following the call to active duty last Friday of 29 members of the 439<sup>th</sup> Aerospace Medicine Squadron.

Those on active duty include physicians, nurses, medical technicians, laboratory, dental and administrative specialists.

They offer basic sick call and referral for more definitive care by civilian providers.

The Clinic can be called at Ext. 3565 or 2661. On-call non-emergency coverage is available 24-hours a day at 730-0488.

The 439<sup>th</sup> AMDS previously offered air base clinic services following the activation of 19 members after the September 11 attacks on America. The services were discontinued following deactivations last fall.

In other developments among Westover medical specialists, the 439<sup>th</sup> Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron on Monday called to active duty an aeromedical evacuation team of four nurses, six medical technicians and an administrative specialist. Twenty squadron members had previously been activated.

Fifteen members of the 439<sup>th</sup> Aeromedical Staging Squadron deployed overseas through Bradley International Airport last Friday.

### Pat Stats

Served since Feb. 2, 2003  
3,024 passengers - 701 aircraft  
10,851,096 pounds of cargo  
Info from MSgt. Jim Garrity, 42APS

#### Meals

3,329 hot meals served  
Box lunches: 722 - duty personnel  
3,176 - passengers  
Info from TSgt. David Beauregard, 439SVS

Fuel since Feb. 1, 2003  
4,558,698 gallons of JP-8  
Info from Jim Maloney, Fuels

**PATRIOT**  
*express*

Contact us:

DSN:589-2020 - (413) 557-2020  
www.afrc.af.mil/439aw  
439patriot.editor@westover.af.mil

This publication is edited, prepared, and provided by the Public Affairs office of the 439<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing. Call Ext. 2020 with comments, story ideas, or for additional copies. Contents of PATRIOT EXPRESS are not necessarily the official views of, or endorsed by the U.S. Government, the Department of Defense, or the Department of the Air Force. PATRIOT EXPRESS will be published twice weekly.

# Pax reunion is bittersweet

by MSgt. Tom Allocco

For most, hours passed waiting in the Westover Passenger Terminal are a time for departing phone calls and e-mails home, but for a lucky, very few, they are reunion time and the last chance for a hug and a kiss shared with loved ones. Lt. Col. Kathleen, a former Patriot Wing member who lives in North Carolina, was one of the lucky ones who was able to spend her last hours on American soil with her parents and one daughter in the passenger terminal.

She spent most of last Sunday in the passenger terminal awaiting a C-5 departure overseas where she will serve in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. She was with members of the North Carolina Air National Guard's 156<sup>th</sup> Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, Charlotte, N.C., in which she serves as chief flight nurse. Because she was deploy-

ing, her last name cannot be published.

Her hours in the passenger terminal were an opportunity for Lt. Col. Kathleen served to meet members of Westover's former 74<sup>th</sup> AES, in which she served in 1991-92.

More importantly, she was reunited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cosmo Franciose of Barre and one of her daughter's, Meghan, a senior at Anna Maria College, Paxton.

For some precious hours the family was together before the Sunday afternoon call to board the bus that would take the medical specialists to the overseas bound Galaxy.

For Lt. Col. Kathleen, her mother, father and daughter, the final hours together as a family were a bittersweet passage of time.

"No words can express the feeling a mother feels when a daughter has to go off to war," Mrs. Franciose said.

## "Eagle Eyes" protects our neighborhood

Security starts with the individual who is alert. That is the strategy behind "Eagle Eyes," an Air Force-wide defensive program to combat terrorism which can protect lives and equipment at Westover.

Special Agent Gardner Whitney, Detachment 307, Air Force Office of Special Investigation described Eagle Eyes as a community-based "neighborhood watch" program that can be applied anywhere - at home, on the way to work, at the gate, while shopping.

"Maintain an awareness. That's the key to the program. The program is designed to help spot terrorism, but it works equally well with criminal activity," he said.

To report suspicious activity, call the Westover OSI at Ext. 3837. After duty hours, call Security Forces at Ext. 3557. In an emergency, call 911.

What to report:

**Surveillance.** Map drawing, note taking, use of binoculars, etc.

**Ellicitation.** Attempt to obtain information

about base capabilities, readiness, operations, etc.

**Tests of security.** Measuring reaction times to security breaches or penetrating barriers to assess strengths and weaknesses of security.

**Acquiring supplies.** Obtaining explosives, weapons, etc. Or, buying or stealing military uniforms, decals, badges or any controlled item.

**Suspicious persons out of place.** People who don't seem to belong in the workplace, neighborhood, business, etc.

**Dry run.** Putting people into position and moving them around according to the plan without actually committing the terrorist act. Can include mapping out routes and determining the timing of traffic lights and flow.

**Deploying assets.** People and supplies getting into position to commit the act.

If you're concerned, don't hesitate to call, even if you're not sure. It's easier for authorities to track down a false lead than to miss something important because someone did not call, Whitney said.

## Express-ions

